

An aerial photograph showing a patchwork of agricultural fields in various shades of green and brown. Several large farm buildings with corrugated metal roofs are scattered throughout the landscape. A road or canal runs vertically on the left side of the image. The overall scene depicts a rural, agricultural setting.

LAFCO'S REVISED DRAFT AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION POLICIES

**Staff Workshop
November 13, 2006**



Agenda

November 13th Staff Workshop

- **Provide overview of process**
- **Discuss Revisions to Draft Policies**
- **Review Next Steps**
- **Receive comments from stakeholders concerning the Revised Draft Policies**

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PROCESS



Development of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies

- **LAFCO holds planning workshop and discusses LAFCO's role in preserving agricultural lands (February 2006)**
- **LAFCO directs staff to develop agricultural mitigation policies (April 2006)**
- **Draft policies released for review and comment (August 14, 2006)**
- **Staff holds workshop to discuss and receive comments on Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies (August 28)**

Development of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies

Aug 14

Draft Policies Released



Aug 28

Staff Workshop on Draft Policies



Additional Meetings with Stakeholders

Oct 11

**Update to LAFCO
(No Action/Discussion Only Item)**

Development of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies

Oct 20

Written Comments from Stakeholders



Oct 26

Revised Draft Policies Released



Nov 13

**Staff Workshop on
Revised Draft Policies**



Nov 28

Written Comments Due

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REVISED DRAFT POLICIES



Major Revisions to Draft Policies

- **Introduction**
Addition of paragraph including LAFCO's mission, purpose of LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies and its relationship to existing LAFCO policies
- **Policy #5**
LAFCO will work with other agencies and organizations to establish program to increase awareness of importance of agriculture in Santa Clara County
- **Policy #6**
Provides for LAFCO to review and revise policies as necessary in order to address issues as they arise



Major Revisions to Draft Policy

- **Policy #10**
Clarifies requirements for location of mitigation lands
- **Policy #11**
Provides examples and encourages cities to adopt appropriate mitigation measures to reduce impacts to adjacent agricultural lands



Major Revisions to Draft Policy

- **Policy #15**
Increases time period for fulfillment of mitigation from 2 to 3 years
- **Policy #17**
Provides for a one-year extension of time period subject to LAFCO review and approval
- **Policy #19**
Discourages, but allows LAFCO to consider additional proposals involving agricultural lands even with pending mitigation for prior proposals



NEXT STEPS



Written Comments & Requests for Individual Meetings Are Welcome

- **Provide written comments to LAFCO staff no later than Tuesday, November 28th**
- **LAFCO staff is available to meet individually with any stakeholder or group of stakeholders to discuss the Revised Draft Policies**
- **In order to have the meeting be most effective, please contact LAFCO staff as soon as possible to arrange a meeting**
- **Thank you for your time and thoughtful comments**



LAFCO Public Hearing

- **LAFCO public hearing to consider and adopt Agricultural Mitigation Policies:**

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

1:15 p.m.

**Board of Supervisors' Chambers
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110**

- **Staff report and proposed policies will be available on the LAFCO website (www.santaclara.lafco.ca.gov) by December 6, 2006**

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS